(c) Some of the commodities, which are likely to be transported through these waterways, are fertilizers and Chemicals, Jute', Coke and Coal, Agriculture produce. Cement etc. The quantities of these items would depend on several factors like demand, cost and the level of infrastructure development.

Foreign exchange earned by Shipping Industry

†4174. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of SHIPPING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange is earned by shipping industry of the country;

(b) if so, the foreign exchange earned by this industry during the years 1999-2000, 2000-2001 and 2001-2002; and

(c) the total amount invested in this industry during each of the above said years and, out of this, the amount in private and public sectors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Shipping Industry has earned net foreign exchange of Rs. 3534.50 crore during the year 1999-2000 and Rs. 4673.89 crore during 2000-2001. The details of foreign exchange earning for 2001-2002 are being compiled.

(c) As far as Government is concerned, the investment in the Public Sector (through Shipping Corporation of India) during the last three years, for acquisition of tonnage is as under:—

Year	Amount (Rs. in
1999-2000	161.70
2000-2001	344.66
2001-2002	225.19

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.